

One Woman's Relentless Pursuit of the Truth as a Toxic Mold Whistle-blower

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Part I

This is the story of Sharon Kramer, mold warrior, courageous truth teller, and compassionate friend to those who have been made sick by moldy buildings. It is a story about how scientists were hired to prepare two reports designed to prove that long-term indoor mold exposure does not harm human health, and how judicial corruption has protected that faulty science from being discredited.

It is the story of how the legal system has been used as a weapon to try to silence Sharon Kramer for telling the truth about judicial corruption in California and for talking about the practice of toxicology is being misused by experts who testify for the defense in mold trials.

These are a few statements from the junk science reports that toxicology consultants repeat in courtrooms across America. The Wall Street Journal brought this information to light in a front-page article in 2007. The first quote is from the 2002 position paper published by the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, or ACOEM.

The Wall Street Journal stated: The [ACOEM] paper said, “scientific evidence does not support the proposition that human health has been adversely affected by inhaled mycotoxins in the home, school, or office environment.” The paper has become a key defense tool wielded by builders, landlords and insurers in litigation. It has also been used to assuage fears of parents following discovery of mold in schools. [1] The Wall Street Journal (WSJ) identified Veritox, Inc. as the recipient of funds for writing the junk science reports.

The same WSJ article stated: The Manhattan Institute, a conservative think tank, paid Veritox \$40,000 to prepare a lay version of the [ACOEM] paper. That version said “the notion that ‘toxic mold’ is an insidious, secret ‘killer,’ as so many media reports and trial lawyers would claim, is ‘junk science’ unsupported by actual scientific study.” Its authors were the three writers of the longer [ACOEM] paper plus a fourth, who also is a principal at Veritox.

Lawyers defending mold suits also cite a position paper from the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology. This paper says it concurs with the ACOEM that it is highly unlikely enough mycotoxins could be inhaled to lead to toxic health effects. [1]

The Wall Street Journal established the fact that Veritox (formerly GlobalTox) received money from the Manhattan Institute to write one of the articles that claimed indoor mold is harmless. GlobalTox was already providing expert witnesses in court proceedings defending businesses in lawsuits filed by people who claimed to have been harmed by moldy buildings when the ACOEM and the Manhattan Institute articles were written.

These same GlobalTox scientists then used the articles they wrote to support their testimony in court to prove that their assessments were valid. They did this without disclosing the origin of the reports. One of the authors of the two papers mentioned above is Dr. Bruce Kelman, PhD. He is described as the president of Veritox. I am highlighting his name, because he is at the center of a 14-year legal battle with Sharon Kramer.

The Legal Battle between Dr. Kelman and Sharon Kramer

This article will discuss the libel lawsuit filed by Dr. Kelman and GlobalTox against Sharon Kramer, and the legal proceedings that have unfolded since that time. She was sued in 2005 for words she wrote in a public service announcement about a mold trial in Oregon in which Dr. Kelman testified as an expert witness for the defense.

I will be continuing to tell Sharon Kramer's story from the point where the 2007 Wall Street Journal article left off. The WSJ article was written prior to the decision in Sharon Kramer's libel trial. I interviewed Sharon Kramer on January 30, 2019, and on February 12, 2019, to learn about her 14-year trek through the California courts.

Sharon Kramer has published many source documents on the internet about her situation with Dr. Kelman, Veritox, and the California court system. She also provided me with links to numerous online documents and sent me dozens of other source documents to verify the points she described to me during our 4 hours of conversation. The quotations from Sharon Kramer printed in this article were taken from these conversations and from private email communication.

Sharon Kramer is a Highly Respected Truth Teller

Dr. Scott McMahon, M.D., a colleague of Dr. Ritchie Shoemaker, M.D., (who is one of the world's most well-known mold specialists), provides the following description of Sharon Kramer.

These remarks preceded the publishing of a letter Sharon Kramer sent to the U.S. General Accountability Office (GAO), in January of this year (2019) concerning their audit of mismanaged military housing (see Reuters investigation [7]).

Sharon Kramer's letter is encouraging the GAO to expand the scope of their investigation to include mold in military housing and to examine the conflicts of interest that are leading to retaliation against residents who are being sickened by moldy housing.

Dr. McMahon stated: Sharon Kramer ... has been a staunch bulldog pursuing truth, at great personal cost to herself, for well over a decade. She is a wrecking ball for justice and a bulldozer for those who have been hurt by CIRS [Chronic Inflammatory Response Syndrome). She is a personal inspiration to me and an unsung hero. She knows things that should make your skin crawl... and she is not afraid to speak them to persons at the highest levels of government and policy-making. Sharon is a jewel and you will be amazed by what she has to say. [2]

Sharon Kramer's Advocacy began with a Personal Encounter with Mold

In 2001, Sharon Kramer suddenly noticed a moldy smell in her home. Investigation found that the water line to her ice maker was leaking and mold was growing in the area under and behind her refrigerator.

She contacted her homeowners insurance company and asked them to fix the water damage. After many delays from the insurance company, they eventually sent people to examine the damage, measure the mold in the air, and remediate (repair) the damage.

Her family left the home during the remediation, but Sharon Kramer continued to use her home office. After her family returned to the home, everyone suddenly experienced great difficulty breathing. After three days, they bailed out and moved to temporary housing.

The insurance company sent someone to measure the mold levels in the home after they left and found that the mold levels were twice as high as they were before the remediation. The workers botched the job and contaminated the entire home and everything in it with mold spores. The Kramers made no claims regarding mold toxicity, and they did not measure toxins.

She told the insurance company she wanted them to clean up the home. They offered her a \$30,000 settlement. When Sharon Kramer and her husband refused, the insurance company sued them, and the Kramers countersued. The matter was settled and the Kramers received approximately \$500,000 in 2003.

It was during these proceedings that Sharon Kramer met Dr. Bruce Kelman, the toxicologist who was hired by the insurance company's attorney to determine if the home was toxic for Sharon Kramer's eldest daughter who has cystic fibrosis and aspergillosis. According to Sharon Kramer, they had not claimed their daughter had been harmed by mold toxins.

Sharon Kramer indicated that Dr. Kelman indirectly helped them receive their large financial settlement. He accurately stated in his report, "A physician with detailed knowledge of the clinical condition of the child involved must be consulted for specific determination of the safety of this environment for this patient." [3]

As a result, Sharon Kramer told me that she had no animosity toward Dr. Kelman. She sold her damaged home at a discounted price and moved on with her life.

Mold Advocacy in Washington D.C.

Sharon Kramer stated: As I was going through our litigation I started going on the internet and there was a group about sick buildings. I learned a lot about mold and water-damaged buildings from that group. As I was participating, there were all these people saying such things as, "can you help me I am sick," "My child is sick," "We have all these symptoms and nobody is willing to help us."

So I took my half million dollars minus attorney fees and decided to go to Washington D.C. to raise this matter in Congress. I was planning to walk away from this issue, but before I did, I was going to do something to give back and stop this fraud that is harming all these people.

In 2004, Sharon Kramer teamed up with Dr. Simone Summers and they set up a congressional caucus in Washington D.C.

There were about 50 people who attended. They were there several days and handed out information packets to all the congressmen and senators explaining the problem with water-damaged buildings and how people are being injured. Sharon Kramer told me that Congress did not act and government agencies continued to follow the conclusions contained in the reports written by GlobalTox.

Sharon Kramer became An Informal Hub of Mold Information

Sharon Kramer returned to California and continued to advocate for the needs of mold injured people across America. She was frequently contacted by mold-injured people, physicians, and lawyers. She shared the truth about mold related illness and the flawed science written in the GlobalTox reports.

I asked Sharon Kramer to describe herself and her mission. She stated:

I am an advocate for integrity in health marketing. I am trying to knock out this junk science, so that it cannot be used to harm people in official government policies, in physician education materials, and in court.

In 2005, Sharon Kramer was given a transcript by attorneys who had handled a mold case in Arizona. The transcript contained testimony given by Dr. Kelman in that trial. Dr. Kelman had answered questions about his involvement in the creation of the GlobalTox reports. Sharon Kramer passed the transcript to another advocate who passed it on to an attorney in Oregon who was handling a mold injury case in which Dr. Kelman would be testifying.

The Oregon attorney used the transcript to draw attention to Dr. Kelman's involvement in the creation of the GlobalTox reports, the exchange of money involved, and his potential conflict of interest. The 2005 Oregon case was decided in favor of the plaintiff. Sharon Kramer wrote a public service announcement and paid to have it published on the internet.

The Words that led to Sharon Kramer being Sued for Libel

In a public service announcement about the results of the Haynes verses Adair Homes trial in Oregon in 2005, Sharon Kramer stated, in part:

Four months after moving in and becoming ill, the family discovered rampant mold growth inside the walls of their new home. Dry wall and insulation were installed while the frame was wet from recent heavy rains.

Evidence presented during the trial proved there was standing water in the wall cavities and the crawl space long after the construction was completed. This led to the growth of the toxigenic fungi.

Dr. Bruce Kelman of GlobalTox, a Washington based environmental risk management company, testified as an expert witness for the defense, as he does in mold cases throughout the country.

Upon viewing documents presented by the Haynes' attorney of Kelman's prior testimony from a case in Arizona, Dr. Kelman altered his under oath statements on the witness stand.

He admitted the Manhattan Institute, a national political think-tank, paid GlobalTox \$40,000 to write a position paper regarding the potential health risks of toxic mold exposure.

Although much medical research finds otherwise, the controversial piece claims that it is not plausible the types of illnesses experienced by the Haynes family and reported by thousands from across the US, could be caused by "toxic mold" exposure in homes, schools or office buildings.

[4]

Read the entire public service announcement: Jury finds Toxic Mold Harmed Oregon Family. Arbitration Clause Not Binding

The Five Words that became the Basis of the Libel Lawsuit

The words that prompted Dr. Kelman and GlobalTox to sue Sharon Kramer are highlighted in bold in the previous paragraph. The five words of concern were **“altered his under oath statements.”** [4] The libel lawsuit filed by Dr. Kelman and GlobalTox described how they believe the five word statement affected them.

The lawsuit document stated in part: Commencing on or about March 9, 2005, Defendants published and distributed written press releases that falsely implied that KELMAN and GLOBALTOX provided perjurious testimony in lawsuits and stated that KELMAN, while working for GLOBALTOX, “altered his under oath statements” while testifying on the witness stand in an Oregon lawsuit.

Such statements are false, and are libelous on their face. They expose Plaintiffs to hatred, contempt, ridicule, and obloquy, and tend to injure Plaintiffs in their business, in that such statements accuse Plaintiffs of providing false testimony under oath, and engaging in dishonest and criminal conduct. [5]

Sharon Kramer contends that in writing these words about the Haynes verses Adair Homes trial she did not say that Dr. Kelman committed perjury. She believes she simply observed the flow of his testimony and reported what she observed in her public service announcement.

The line of questioning used by the attorney for the Haynes family in Oregon revealed that Dr. Kelman was paid to write the paper that he was now using to prove that indoor mold is harmless. The Oregon jury understood the attorney’s reasoning and decided the case in favor of the family with the mold-infested home.

Dr. Kelman’s Offer to drop the Libel Lawsuit

In a Deposition preceding the actual libel trial, Dr. Kelman described what he wanted from Sharon Kramer. Dr. Kelman stated:...A retraction and an apology for the lies that have been told. [6]

Sharon Kramer’s attorney asked Dr. Kelman:

Isn’t it correct that what you want from Mrs. Kramer is for her to sign a written statement in which she says, “To my knowledge their testimony and advice are based on their expertise and objective understanding of the underlying scientific data.” [6] Dr Kelman responded: “That retraction would work.” [6]

Sharon Kramer did not apologize. She did not agree to endorse Dr. Kelman’s science. She did not retract her original statement. By this point she knew too much about the scientific and medical truth of the dangers of indoor mold in water-damaged buildings.

Motion Filed to Show the Libel Suit was intended to Silence Sharon Kramer

In July of 2005, Sharon Kramer’s attorney filed an anti-SLAPP motion (Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation). California’s anti-SLAPP law allows people to avoid being sued if they can show that the intent of a legal action filed against them was to silence them from using their free

speech right in matters that are of public interest. The motion was denied in September of 2005, and the decision was appealed. In November of 2006, the appellate court denied the appeal.

The Appellate Court decision was appealed to the California Supreme Court, and in January of 2007, they denied the motion to reverse the appellate court's decision.

Sharon Kramer contends that the courts were all suppressing the direct evidence that Dr. Kelman was committing perjury by misstating his involvement in the mold litigation case involving her water-damaged home to make it appear that she had malice toward him.

The Libel Trial

Pretrial activities stretched out for three years before the trial was held in 2008. A variety of strange events began to unfold, some of which were a clear threat to just treatment of Sharon Kramer.

Perhaps any one of the events could be simply labeled as “unfortunate,” but the totality of the events and decisions set the stage for calling into question whether Sharon Kramer was fairly and justly treated by the courts, and whether Dr. Kelman and GlobalTox were somehow receiving preferential treatment.

Sharon Kramer told me that in July 2008, Judge Orfield denied her motion for Summary Judgment, then promptly retired. In August of 2008, Judge Lisa Schall stepped in as the trial judge, just days before the trial began. This broke judicial continuity. Sharon Kramer explained that Judge Schall limited the scope of the trial in such a way that she and her attorney could not present a full defense.

These were the consequences:

They were prevented from introducing evidence to explain the underlying issues that would support Sharon Kramer's claim that she was not guilty of libel. They were prevented from discussing the scientific controversy in the ACOEM report and the Manhattan Institute/US Chamber of Commerce report and explaining how these documents were directly related to the charge of libel.

They were prevented from discussing how GlobalTox consultants use these reports in court to promote the false concept that they had proven “toxic mold” cannot reach a level in water-damaged buildings to harm anyone.

They were prevented from discussing various statements made by Dr. Kelman and his attorney, which Sharon Kramer believed were used to fabricate their claims of malice. When the case was eventually appealed, Sharon Kramer prepared a list of these statements made by Dr. Kelman and his attorney and submitted them to the appellate court, characterizing them as “perjury to manufacture malice.”

According to Sharon Kramer, the attorney for Dr. Kelman and GlobalTox wrote a set of instructions to guide the decision-making process of the jury. The foreman of the jury asked the judge if they had to follow these instructions exactly, and he was told yes.

According to Sharon Kramer there also was jury tampering. Certain documents were brought into the jury room, which had not been introduced during the proceedings in the courtroom. The documents contained negative descriptions of Sharon Kramer's character. The jury foreman and one other juror publicly disclosed this fact after the trial [in declarations submitted to the court].

The Verdict

The jury found Sharon Kramer guilty of libel against Dr. Kelman and not guilty on the libel charge filed by GlobalTox. Dr. Kelman was awarded one dollar in damages.

This was Not the End of Sharon Kramer's Legal Battles – It was Only the Beginning

As will be explained in the second part of this article, there were irregularities in the way the court wrote the final verdict in the trial, which set in motion an incredibly complex set of legal and financial problems for Sharon Kramer that are still unfolding to this very day.

Because of the omissions and errors in the court's written documentation for the libel trial, the door has been opened to punishment and retaliation that has stretched out for more than a decade — far beyond the one dollar in damages the jury awarded to Dr. Kelman.

According to Sharon Kramer, Dr. Kelman was granted an inappropriately large award of litigation-related costs associated with prevailing over her in the Libel trial.

In addition, she has been subjected to civil contempt proceedings, time in jail, threats of injury, and even threatened with involuntary commitment to a mental institution all because she will not stop talking about the documents prepared by GlobalTox and the unjust way she has been treated in the California court system.

Sharon Kramer will give the details about all this and much more in the final article about her 14-year battle as a whistleblower.

Sharon Kramer is continuing her advocacy work and will be traveling to Washington D.C. in the next few weeks. She will be encouraging U.S. legislators to address the delinquent behavior of military housing contractors who have been using the junk science articles that were prepared by Veritox to avoid completing repairs to moldy military housing.

Their inactivity is making many military families seriously ill. [7]

Read Part 2:

Toxic Mold Whistleblower Fears for Her Life: "I Exposed One of the Biggest Frauds in America and it Continues to be Hidden"

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Part II

This is the second half of the story about Sharon Kramer, mold warrior, courageous truth teller, and compassionate friend to those who have been made sick by moldy buildings. In the first article we learned how two junk science reports about mold were created and how they have been used in courtrooms throughout America to deny claims of people who have been injured by mold in water-damaged buildings.

We learned how Sharon Kramer attempted to expose the flawed science in the reports that were prepared by GlobalTox for the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM), and for the Manhattan Institute.

We learned how Sharon Kramer was sued for libel by GlobalTox and Dr. Bruce Kelman, PhD, one of the GlobalTox toxicologists who wrote the articles, and how she was found guilty of libel against Dr. Kelman and not guilty of libel against GlobalTox.

We learned about unusual events that took place during that trial, which led Sharon Kramer to conclude that she had been framed for libel for the purpose of trying to keep her quiet.

This article will continue telling Sharon Kramer’s story beginning after her guilty verdict.

The Void Judgement from the Trial

The starting point for the saga that extends from the 2008 guilty verdict in Sharon Kramer’s libel trial to today in 2019 began with what is known as a void judgement. A void judgement is a legal instrument that contains missing information or material errors.

Even though Sharon was found guilty on one count and not guilty on the other count as described in the narrative of the judge’s statement, the final section of the findings does not clearly state these facts.

The winning party in a lawsuit is eligible to recover costs from the losing party. This means Dr. Kelman was eligible to receive costs of litigation from Sharon Kramer, and Sharon Kramer was eligible to receive costs from GlobalTox.

The written judgment does not clearly state this. After the trial, the attorney for Dr. Kelman submitted a list of his costs to the court and the court ordered Sharon Kramer to pay Dr. Kelman over \$7,000. Sharon Kramer indicated that based on her calculations, Dr. Kelman included costs related to GlobalTox as well as his own litigation. This means that she is now expected to pay the cost of litigation for GlobalTox even though she prevailed over them.

After the libel trial, Sharon Kramer began representing herself in court. She has been working for over ten years to correct the void judgement in her case. At one point, in 2009, a judge did agree that she was entitled to be reimbursed for a portion of her expenses for prevailing against GlobalTox, but the judge did not take steps to correct the original judgement. Thus, the errors in the original judgement remain and she is still unable to exercise her right to collect costs from GlobalTox.

Sharon Kramer stated: The appellate court left the void judgement in effect that didn't say I prevailed. When a court makes an error like that what they are supposed to do is recall and resend their remittitur. This is a legal instrument an appellate court uses to transfer jurisdiction back to a lower court. But they couldn't recall and resend their remittitur and correct that legal error without also showing that they had used the void judgement to suppress the evidence that Kelman committed perjury and manufactured malice, and that they were framing me for libel.

They couldn't do this without spotlighting that they had been framing a whistleblower.

Complaint Sent to the California Commission on Judicial Performance

Sharon Kramer stated: On October 25, 2010 I filed a complaint with the California Commission on Judicial Performance (CJP) describing judicial case fixing and how the courts concealed what I believe was Kelman's perjury in my trial. [correction: the perjury was in Dr. Kelman's declarations]

The CJP is supposedly the independent California state agency that is supposed to oversee the ethics of all the judges. I also put my complaint online because I wanted people to see what was going on. In part this also made me feel safer.

Ten days later the second lawsuit was filed against me by Dr. Kelman to try to permanently enjoin me from talking about the corruption. I filed a complaint to stop the case fixing and instead of stopping it they tried to permanently enjoin me from telling of it.

This is the post that they wanted me to take off the net: Is The California Court Case Management System (CCMS) Being Misused For Politics in Policy & Litigation.....And The Fleecing Of The California Taxpayer Over the Mold Issue? [it is the September 2011 letters to the California Judicial Council, the appellate justices and their clerks asking that they correct the willful legal errors; and it may still be read on the internet at: <https://katysexposure.com/2011/09/13/is-the-california-court-case-management-system-ccms-being-misused-for-politics-in-policy-litigation-and-the-fleecing-of-the-california-taxpayer/>]

Their justification for this demand was that I was in civil contempt of court for violating the temporary injunction from the libel trial. They said I could not republish the words "altered his under oath statements." Judge Nugent issued an order that my post had to come down or I would go to jail for indirect civil contempt of court.

This was a threat of coercive incarceration, which meant that I could be put in jail if I didn't do what the court told me to do. I hadn't committed a crime. But, in the opinion of the court, I had violated civil court rules. My posts were published on the Sick Buildings website and on Katy's Exposure. Kevin Carstens, owner of Sickbuildings@yahoogroups.com and Crystal Stuckey, owner of Katy's Exposure submitted affidavits to the court saying I did not have the ability to decide what comes off of their websites and they refused to take down my posts. They both prepared legal responses to the demand.

Jailed Under Coercive Confinement

Sharon Kramer stated: So then, Kelman's attorney and Judge Nugent told me that I had to sign a statement containing the sentence, "I do not believe Dr. Kelman committed perjury." I refused to sign. So that is when it was decided that I would go to jail. I think I was to spend 15 days in jail.

They let me out after 2 days and they had me brought before Judge Nugent again. I had on my prison garb, no makeup, and shackles. Judge Nugent tried to coerce me into signing that false paper which included the statement that I don't believe Dr. Kelman committed perjury.

Threat of Commitment to the Psych Ward for Evaluation

Sharon Kramer stated: My husband had gotten wind that I was being brought before Judge Nugent that morning. He and my mother and my sister were there in the courtroom for the hearing. I think if they hadn't been there the courts would have taken me to the psych ward.

The reason I believe that (in part) was because normally when people appear in court and are to be released from custody they are taken back to the jail and released from there.

After I said, "No, I won't sign" — I wasn't sent back to jail. My clothes had been delivered to the courthouse and I was released from there. After I got home I went on the internet and found that while I was in jail my civil contempt had morphed into a criminal contempt charge, and I now had a misdemeanor on my record.

The relevance of this change was that in order for them to take me to the psych ward for evaluation they would have needed to have a criminal case against me under Penal code 1368. I am pretty sure that is what they were planning.

During the contempt hearing before Judge Nugent, I was approached by an attorney they assigned to help me. I never retained her as my counsel but they kept trying to make her my counsel. I made her get up and go sit in the audience. The stage was being set — I had a criminal charge and they were trying to make sure I had legal representation.

After I got home and found the criminal contempt charge I filed a motion that would direct the sheriff's department to remove my false criminal record. It took the sheriff's department 6 months to remove it. They kept claiming they couldn't do it. It wasn't just a local criminal record; it went in as a FBI record as well.

Sharon Kramer Did Not Go Silent After her Time in Jail

Sharon Kramer stated: After that I kept blogging about what they were doing. So, Kelman's attorney filed another contempt of court charge, saying that I should be held in contempt for not being quiet about what they were doing.

At this point I wrote a letter to Judge Nugent saying I am not showing up in your courtroom again — you are a criminal and a liar and I fear for my life. I then filed another complaint to the Commission on Judicial Performance for case fixing. It is interesting that this complaint is no longer in my complaint file. My complaint file has been sanitized.

Nothing was ever done about the case fixing except Judge Nugent lost his courtroom of 20 years and was suddenly moved to downtown San Diego and made to do mediation until he retired.

Trial for Permanent Injunction

Sharon Kramer stated: The trial for a permanent injunction took place in June or July of 2012 and I didn't even attend. The court issued the permanent injunction against me to prevent me from ever repeating the phrase "altered his under oath statement." As a result they got another judgement against me and Kelman was awarded \$19,000 for costs. I still have that lien on my property.

Development of an Anxiety Disorder

Sharon Kramer stated: I did develop an anxiety disorder during this period of harassment. Since they were making overtures like they were going to take me down to the psych ward to have me mentally evaluated, I went to see a psychiatrist.

She was a whistleblower of apartheid in South Africa. She wrote up a report talking about how I had a generalized anxiety disorder from being maligned and libeled in court. That also may have helped stave off getting put in the psych ward.

I truly did have a generalized anxiety disorder. You can tell that I still have it, because as you are talking to me I get a little agitated as I talk about this. **It still upsets me not just the fact that so many people are being harmed by this but there is an element of fear that if I don't be quiet they are going to hurt me.**

Motion to turn Sharon Kramer into a Vexatious Litigant

Sharon Kramer stated: In 2013, Kelman's attorney filed a motion that I should be deemed a vexatious litigant. If one is deemed to be a vexatious litigant then the person can't file a lawsuit in the state of California without first posting a \$25,000 bond. This means that if I had decided to file a lawsuit on my own in the state of California against all these people I would have had to post a \$25K bond to do it.

The motion was denied without prejudice. This means that the motion is still hanging over my head. At any time if I was to file a lawsuit, the courts could just jump in and declare me a vexatious litigant. This is designed for people who file lawsuits all the time. This is a whole other way that the courts abuse their power.

Renewal of the Judgements against Sharon Kramer

In order for judgements to remain viable and for the liens that are the result of the judgement to remain viable and to continue to accrue interest, they have to be renewed every 10 years. In order for them to be renewed in California, they have to be supported by the electronic case file.

Sharon Kramer stated: So in February of 2018 Kelman's attorney tried to renew the 2008 void judgement. But his request was not approved, because **it wasn't supported by the case file**, which was void [incomplete and with errors].

In June of 2018 I caught the North County Records Department backdating a fraudulent entry in the electronic case file. The new entry added information on September 24, 2008. The fraudulent entry says that Kelman prevailed and was awarded costs. They needed that to renew the void judgement.

With interest, Kelman now has liens on my home in excess of \$33,000 for costs associated with the two trials.

In November of 2018 Kelman used a different attorney with experience in real estate to assign his lien to GlobalTox. Then GlobalTox assigned it to Veritox. [It is now assigned to J.S. Held where the former Veritox owners are currently employed after they sold the corporation to J.S. Held] I am kind of afraid of retaliation, because I reported catching the county courts changing the record. I am afraid that this new attorney is going to try and call in these liens, and I could end up homeless.

The Junk Science Fraud Continues to be Hidden

Sharon Kramer stated: It has been a very heavy burden for me to carry for 14 years to know that I exposed one of the biggest frauds in America and it continues to be hidden.

I'm not kidding when I say that I live my life in fear every day until the criminal case fixing in San Diego that keeps the fraud going is brought to public light. The courts are the people who are supposed to be protecting the public from crimes and injustice. Instead, they are the people who are perpetrating crimes to keep injustice from being seen.

I honestly think that my being framed for libel was part of an intentional plan to commit mass insurance fraud throughout the United States and it is intentionally purposed to cause people who are sick and need help to not be able to get it. People have died from this.

CDC Still Won't Speak the Truth about Mold

Sharon Kramer stated: The U.S. CDC now acknowledges that asthma and respiratory illness can be caused by water-damaged buildings but they are still funding false concepts through the American College of Medical Toxicology (ACMT).

They fund these guys to disseminate information to doctors around the country and to medical associations. ACMT is still promoting Veritox's junk science, and the CDC will not stop funding them. The ACMT used to put things out like "there is no proof mycotoxins..." They have now stopped saying things like that. But they still won't cross over and say, yes, it is true that people are experiencing these symptoms which are indicative of toxicity after exposure to water-damaged buildings.

A Judicial Threat

Sharon Kramer appeared before Judge Maas on October 5, 2018 with a motion to vacate the void judgment that Dr. Kelman was able to renew after the county court had inserted the backdated entry to the electronic case records.

She complained that this was a fraudulent change to the official court record. Without this change, Dr. Kelman could not have obtained the 10-year renewal of his 2008 judgement against Sharon Kramer and maintain his liens on her property.

Sharon Kramer stated: I know this is going to sound weird, but I actually like Judge Maas.

We talked heart to heart. We talked about how I was jailed for refusing to lie about Kelman's perjury. How I developed an anxiety disorder in 2012 from the relentless case fixing. That this is fraud. That his tentative ruling wasn't supported by the case file. How he would never deem me to be a vexatious litigant. How I could appeal his decision if I wasn't happy — which I would never do, because I'd just be going back to the primary case fixers.

That's what makes his words even scarier. They came across as a warning not to blog about it or I'd be retaliated against from somewhere higher up the food chain — more than a threat from some little trial judge who is willfully case fixing and is out to get me.

Judge Maas said to me, "I am just a lowly trial judge. You need to stop blogging about what Michael Garland did". Sharon Kramer had blogged about the case fixing and the void judgment that Deputy Clerk Michael Garland created in her 2008 libel trial.

Final Remarks: Sharon Kramer's Work Standing Against Corruption will be her Legacy

Sharon Kramer stated: This issue should have been shut down in 2005 before my libel trial even began. The courts should have recognized that the libel suit filed by Dr. Kelman and GlobalTox was a SLAPP suit and Kelman was trying to shut me up. But it wasn't shut down in 2005 and it grew and grew and grew.

I paid almost \$300 to put my article about the Oregon mold trial [1] on PR Web. I did it as a public service. [This announcement contained the 5 words that were the basis of the libel suit against Sharon Kramer.]

I will never regret the costs of litigation and all the heartache. I got a front page Wall Street Journal article in 2007 about the junk science because Kelman sued me. [2]

I got a federal GAO audit to investigate government policy which says they found it is plausible that people can be injured by indoor mold. Even though their 2008 final report deleted who had the conflicts of interest, it gave people a fighting chance at least. [3] My remarks have appeared in many news articles about ACOEM taking down the mold statement from their website. [4]

I honestly think there isn't any mold litigation in the United States that doesn't cite some of my research from my personal labor. If I died tomorrow, I would always know I may not have closed the deal completely but it made a lot of difference.

[1] "Jury finds Toxic Mold Harmed Oregon Family. Arbitration Clause Not Binding," Sharon Kramer, 03/09/2005.

<https://www.prweb.com/releases/2005/03/prweb216604.htm>

[2] "Amid Suits Over Mold, Experts Wear Two Hats," David Armstrong, Wall Street Journal, January 10, 2007.

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/SB116831654647871083>

[3] "U.S. GAO – Indoor Mold: Better Coordination of Research on Health Effects and More Consistent Guidance Would Improve Federal Efforts," published 9/30/2008.

<https://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-08-980>

[4] "ACOEM Mold Statement ~ Ding, Dong! The Wicked Witch is DEAD!" Sharon Kramer, Katy's Exposure, 2/20/2015.

<https://katysexposure.com/2015/02/20/acoem-mold-statement-ding-dong-the-wicked-witch-is-dead/>